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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Bob Hewey

You Say You Want a Resolution !



It's a new year, a new beginning and time to reflect on the past and prepare for changes in the future. This is the time many of us make our New Year's Resolutions – to quit smoking, to lose weight, to spend quality time with our partners and children. These are all good things, of course. But I challenge you (and myself!) to try making some numismatic resolutions this year, too. I have some suggestions:

- Write to a legislator about a numismatic topic of concern to you
- Explore some area of numismatics you've never considered before.
- Attend at least half the meetings of your local coin club (or if there is no local club, consider starting one!)
- Bring a friend or relative

to a coin club meeting.

- Buy a numismatic related book and read it.
- Give a talk at a local library, school or scout group about coin collecting.
- Give a child a penny folder, a Red Book, and a bunch of old cents to look through.
- Attend the NENA Convention and Annual Meeting in Boston on March 16th, including one of the fine educational presentations (Note: Chet Krause and Cliff Mishler will be speaking at 1:00 p.m.!)
- Bring a child to the Young Numismatist program at the NENA Convention and Annual Meeting.
- Prepare an exhibit for

your library display case, local club show or the NENA Convention.

- Volunteer to be an officer or helper in your local coin club or NENA.
- Write an article for NENA News.
- Send a thank you note to those who have influenced or helped you in your collecting coins.

Try any or all of the above and have a Happy New Year!

Peace and Joy be with you,

Bob Hewey

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Do it now! Write your letter and get your point of view across.

Chet Krause and Clifford Mishler Scheduled for Talk at 2002 NENA Convention!

A special educational program exploring the influences which caused the coin collecting hobby to boom and prosper from the 1930s into these early years of the 21st century will be presented on Saturday, March 16, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. during the 58th New England Numismatic Association Conference hosted at the Radisson Hotel in Boston, Mass., in conjunction with the 38th Year Bay State Coin Show.

The program - 50 Years of Collecting and Communicating - will be presented by Chester L. Krause, founder of Numismatic News, and his long time publishing associate Clifford Mishler. Those attending the program will have the opportunity to win several interesting attendance door

prizes, including a special Numismatic News 50th Anniversary commemorative holder unit incorporating a proof 1952 Franklin half dollar.

The presentation will detail the formative influences which led to the founding of Numismatic News - first published on October 13, 1952 - exploring those influences and the parallels which caused the coin collecting hobby and the publication to boom and prosper over the past 50 years. It will also examine the interplay the growth of publishing communications has had on enriching the numismatic pursuit.

Krause and Mishler will also offer their visions of the hobby's future and respond to questions from the audience.

EXHIBIT RULES
NEW ENGLAND NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
58TH Conference and Convention
MARCH 16, 2002

EXHIBITORS

All members of NENA in good standing and who submit a standard NENA exhibit application by FEBRUARY 1, 2002 will be eligible to exhibit. NENA reserves the right to accept or reject any exhibit.

CATEGORIES

Competitive categories are:

- United States Coins
- Foreign Coins
- Ancients (before 1300) and Medieval
- Paper Money
- Tokens and Medals
- Beauty
- Miscellaneous (items not covered by above)
- Junior [under age 18] (any material)

Non-competitive: An Exhibitor may enter only one competitive exhibit. Non-competitive exhibits will be accepted on a space-available basis at the discretion of the Exhibit Chairman.

The Exhibitor will designate the exhibit category on his application; however, the Exhibit Chairman, after conference with the Exhibitor, may transfer the exhibit to the proper category.

SPACE

A competitive exhibit may have any number of cases with the following limitations. Preference will be given to exhibits of three cases or less. Larger exhibits will be approved if space is available after smaller exhibits are approved. Under no circumstances will large exhibits be approved after application deadline. Small exhibits may be approved after the deadline if space is available. NENA will provide one case when requested on the application but no cases will be provided for late applications. NENA cases are 33" x 21", inside. Additional cases must be supplied by the Exhibitor provided external dimensions are no more than 34" x 22".

A non-competitive exhibit may comprise up to three cases. Other condition for competitive exhibits apply.

No special locations, electrical connections, lights or special gimmicks will be permitted. NENA will provide supplemental lighting for all exhibits, if necessary.

MATERIAL

All material shall be the property of the Exhibitor. Exhibitors shall not violate any Government regulation or display forged, spurious or counterfeit material in a competitive exhibit. Such material in a non-competitive exhibit, for educational purposes, shall be clearly identified as such.

A competitive exhibit shall not be the same, or substantially the same, as an

exhibit that has previously been awarded a First Place at a previous NENA convention.

SETUP/REMOVAL

Exhibits must be set up prior to 10 AM on Saturday, March 16th. Exhibits may be set up between 10AM to 6PM on Friday, March 15th, and between 9AM and 10AM on Saturday, March 16th. Exhibits may not be removed until after Awards presentation. Exhibits must be removed before 5PM on Saturday, March 16th.

All material shall be prepared, set-up and removed by the Exhibitor unless prior arrangement has been made, in writing, with the Exhibit Chairman to appoint one person as agent for the purpose of set-up, removal and acceptance of any award bestowed on the Exhibitor.

SECURITY

All exhibitors will lock their cases in the presence of the Exhibit Chairman and give him the key. Once the case is locked, it can not be opened by the Exhibitor until the exhibit is removed.

During judging, if necessary, the Exhibit Chairman may open an exhibit case in the presence of two or more Judges to examine the contents more closely. After such scrutiny, the case will be re-locked. No liability of any kind shall be attached to such performance.

JUDGING

Each exhibit will be judged by at least two Judges appointed by the Exhibit Chairman. During judging, all Exhibitors are excluded from the exhibit area. Judging will take place from 10AM until 12 Noon on Saturday, March 16th. Judges shall use the approved NENA Exhibit Rating Sheet and complete one sheet for each exhibit assigned. The Exhibit Chairman shall determine the overall rating for each exhibit by adding the ratings from each Judge and dividing by the number of Judges rating that exhibit.

The Judges' decisions are final and there will be no appeals of any kind.

Each Exhibitor's rating sheets will be available for view by the Exhibitor after the Awards Presentation and before removal of the exhibit.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the NENA Annual Meeting for each category based on the overall rating of the Judges. Awards will be granted per the appropriate column below, depending on which award is given to the exhibit with the highest rating in the category.

Exhibit with highest rating	First Place if rating at least 90 points	Second Place if rating less than 90 points and greater than 80 points	Third Place if rating less than 80 points and greater than 70 points
Exhibit with second highest rating	Second Place if rating greater than 80 points	Third Place if rating greater than 70 points	
Exhibit with third highest rating	Third Place if rating greater than 70 points		

Best of Show award will be presented to the exhibit which has the highest overall rating and has been granted a First Place award. Ties will be decided by 8 Nena News

the judges.

The People's Choice Award will be decided by ballots cast by exhibit viewers.

LIABILITY

The New England Numismatic Association, the convention committee, and/or the meeting facility shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur to Exhibitors or their property from any cause whatsoever, prior, during or subsequent to the period of the convention. The Exhibitor expressly releases the above named entities from, and agrees to indemnify same and hold harmless against any and all claims from such loss, damage or injury.

EXHIBIT APPLICATION
NEW ENGLAND NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
58TH Conference and Convention
March 16, 2002

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ (Specify day, evening or both)

I, the Exhibitor/Guardian/Agent, understand and agree to abide by the Exhibit Rules of the New England Numismatic Association which are incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNED: _____ Exhibitor Date: _____

SIGNED: _____ Parent/Guardian Date: _____
[for Junior Exhibitor only]

I, the Exhibitor, hereby assign _____ as my agent to set up and remove my exhibit and to receive any award presented for my exhibit.

SIGNED: _____ Agent Date: _____

TITLE OF EXHIBIT: _____

CATEGORY: U.S. Coins Foreign Coins Beauty
(Please check one) Ancient / Medieval Paper Money Junior
 Tokens & Medals Miscellaneous Non-competitive

Note: Separate applications must be submitted if you exhibit both competitive and non-competitive

How many cases does your exhibit comprise? _____

Do you want a NENA case for your exhibit? _____

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Saturday, March 16, 2002

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March 15, 16 and 17, 2002*

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* Note: A dealers' night will be held on March 14 starting
at 4:30 PM. There will be a special admission charge for
this event.

Three Nations, One Book

By Jan M. Dyroff

David C. Harper, Ed.

2002 North American Coins & Prices:

A Guide to U.S., Canadian and Mexican Coins.

Iola: Krause Publications, 2001.

This is the eleventh edition of this particularly useful reference work, which combines all the Standard Catalog data for the United States, Canada and Mexico into one volume – the United States and Mexico from the eighteenth century and Canada from the nineteenth.

One of the great features of this guide is that the first hundred or so pages are really a guide, absolutely ideal either for the beginning collector or the old-time looking for a refresher. There are thirteen chapters of information and a glossary of coin terms.

In terms of general information, there is a history of the United States Mint as well as an overview of the methods employed by that organization to strike and distribute their products.

The issues of grading (with photographs as appropriate) and pricing are addressed. These are concerns for all collectors. While most of us are fairly conversant with United States standards, grading and pricing for Mexico and Canada may not be as rapid for recall.

Two other features make this book, just in the introduction alone, a gem. The first of these is a huge list of web sites for coin dealers and numismatic services, and the second is a seemingly comprehensive coverage of U.S. minting varieties and errors (by Alan Herbert).

For the United States, coverage begins with the Colonial period (from the days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony to the pre-Revolutionary state coinages), proceeds through the regular issues

from the eighteenth century to the present, and concludes with a generous section on commemorative and bullion issues.

One particularly interesting feature with the U.S. section is that there are periodic graphs of one particular coin, showing the variation of price with time.

There are no textual introductions to the coinage of Canada and Mexico, and these would be helpful.

Canada is fairly close to us in New England – over the years their coins have circulated here, and ours there. So it would be possible to build up a small collection of Canadian material just from watching the change.

I think the pricing for Canada is fair. In the bi-weekly paper Canadian Coin News there is a trends section. The prices given in this book agree with the Canadian trends (after conversion from Canadian to U.S. dollars). This is the most convenient resource for Canadian pricing you are likely to find.

The coverage for Canada is all national coins, plus those regal and semi-regals issued by and for the pre-Confederation provinces (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, etc).

Mexico is just not a simple coinage, yet this book brings a kind of clarity to it – from the era of cobs to the peso of today. There is also coverage of the issues of revolution from Spain but not of the modern pre-republican insurrections.

In sum, if you are a collector of United States coins, or if you are engaged in interesting someone in collecting, then this is certainly a reference for the shelf. For a mere \$17.95, you get a wealth of information.

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Elections to be held at the Annual Meeting on March 16th.

COIN SHOW NEWS

Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 24, Apr 28, Jun 2, Jul 28, Aug 25, Sep 8, Oct 27, Nov 24 & Dec 22, 2002, Chelmsford, MA

Coin and Stamp Show, 9AM to 3PM at the Radisson Hotel, 10 Independence Drive, Chelmsford Massachusetts. Exit 34 off Route 495 behind Skip's Restaurant, Route 10

Contact: Ernie at EBW Coin, P. O. Box 206, Wilmington, MA 01887, phone (978) 658-0160, fax (978) 657-7717 or at www.chelmsfordshow.com

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Blackstone Valley Coin Club, Blackstone Municipal Center Fire Department Meeting Room, Blackstone, MA. Meetings third Tuesday, 7 P.M.

Boston Numismatic Society, Woman's Club, 72 Columbus Street, Newton Highlands, MA. Meetings second Tuesday, Sept. - June, 8 P.M. For information (978) 687-2888

Central Connecticut Coin Club, East Hartford Public Library, 840 Main Street, East

Hartford, CT 06108. Meetings first Tuesday Sept. - June, 7 P.M. For information: (860) 568-6601

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Gateway Coin Club, Ballard Hill Community Center, Corner Pleasant and Main Streets, Lincoln, ME. Meetings first Tuesday, 7 P.M. For information (207) 794-6833

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Greater New Bedford Coin Club, Andrew Dahill V.F.W., Park Street, New Bedford, MA. Meetings second and fourth Sundays, 7 P.M. For information: John Izidoro, P. O. Box 2991, New Bedford, MA 02741

Mansfield Numismatic Society, Mansfield Center Library, Route 89, Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT. Meeting fourth Monday Sept. through April (except December) 7:30 P.M.

Annual coin Show in March, Dinner/Donation Auction in December. For information call (860) 429-6970 (6 - 9 P.M.).

Nashua Coin Club, Chandler Memorial Library, 257 Main Street, Nashua, NH. Meetings second Monday 7 P.M., except June and October.

Newport Country Coin Club, Meeting room at REAR, 333 Valley Road, Middletown, RI. Meetings the second Tuesday of the month, 8 P.M. For information contact Carlton Johnson, P. O. Box 3, Newport, RI 02840

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club, Neighborhood Center, intersection of Routes 1 and 2, Pawcatuck, CT. Meetings third Wednesday year round, 7:30 P.M. For information contact David Barbone at (860) 599-1571.

Southbridge Coin Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 169 Worcester Street, Southbridge, MA. Meetings first Friday, September - June, 7:30 P.M. (Doors open at 6:30 P.M.)

West Springfield Coin Club, Church of the Good Sheperd, Elm Street, West Springfield, MA. Meetings second Sunday, September - June, 7 P.M.

Worcester County Numismatic Society, Greendale People's Church Hall, 25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA. Meetings second Friday, September - June, 7 P.M. For information: (508) 853-9258 (mornings only)

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Dear Junior Coin Collectors and Friends,

Another program is scheduled with you in mind at the 58th Anniversary Convention of the New England Numismatic Association!

The program is scheduled for

Saturday, March 16, 2002 at 10:00 AM.

Some of the highlights of the program will be Adult and Junior speakers, Door Prizes, a Slide presentation, a Mini-exhibit contest, Lunch, a Play Money auction and lots more surprises.

We look forward to seeing you and having a fun time.

Happy Collecting!



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August 8, 2002 • Kingswood Coin Auctions

Telephone and Internet Auction—Consignment Deadline: June 24, 2002

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Telephone and Internet Auction—Consignment Deadline: August 19, 2002

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by Mike Moylan

Coin Collecting ! A Great Hobby!

Coin collecting has been a long time hobby of mine. My Mother got me started when I was in 3rd grade. She collected US coins and would give me one every once in a while just to see if I had an interest in them. Well I did and I'd put them in a jar and kept them in a safe place.

As I got older I got a paper route in my neighborhood. I would go door to door collecting dues for each week of delivery. As each customer paid me, I would walk to the next house sorting through the handful of coins, placing most of them in my collection bag, but a few hand selected ones went into my pocket. Once I got home, I would sit at the

kitchen table and re-inspect and sort out the ones I could afford to keep that week. I can tell you one thing. I had the best penny collection in my neighborhood.

Now to this day, my Mom still gives me coins that she found in her draw or bought from the US Mint. I get them on birthdays, special occasions, or just because.

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50 Years of Challenges and Triumphs at Krause Publications

by Sherry Briggs

This year's NENA conference held a special treat: the Keynote Address given by Chet Krause and Cliff Mishler. They held us spellbound with the story of Krause Publications.

Krause opened, going back to the development of the first penny boards in 1934, the 1936 surge in commemorative half-dollar production. In the late 40's older coins started disappearing from circulation, as more people began to collect in earnest. Whitman's "Red Book" started in 1946. By 1952, the ANA's *The Numismatist* averaged around 100 pages a month.

It was against this background that a carpenter named Chet Krause and his friend Cliff Mishler, who built silos, came up with the idea of publishing *Numismatic News* in 1952. The first issue was a single page sent to about six

hundred subscribers.

While Krause spoke, Mishler circulated through the audience, distributing raffle tickets.

Besides providing a reference on value, *Numismatic News* was instrumental in establishing the standardized grading system we have today. In 1956 the pair offered a 1955 Philadelphia half dollar as a subscription bonus. The magazine leaped from 8 to 16 pages in one issue.

Talking about incentives, Krause said "a coin of some kind always did better than dollars off or anything else."

In 1960 Ed Rochette came on board, to stay until 1966, when he went over to the ANA. "Ed Rochette could write the damndest story about the most minor thing that ever happened, and hook your interest." Krause said.

The sixties presented

some serious challenges. Numismatic News had grown to 60,000 subscribers, but there was a slump in the coin hobby. The Coinage Act of 1965 insured the immediate disappearance of silver coins into jars and boxes. In addition, an able and aggressive businessman named J. R. Raymond started up a rival coin publication: Coin World. The response of Krause Publications to these challenges was diversification, both into other hobbies and within the coin hobby. Numismatic News and Coins Magazine were joined by World Coin News, Coin Collector and Shopper, Banknote Reporter, and then Coin Prices.

In the mid-sixties, the Franklin Mint appeared, producing numerous silver rounds of very high quality. "I collect them, but I can't find the stuff I'm looking for," Krause said. "People just don't handle them."

In closing his part, Krause said "I have received a lot of laurels for things that have been done, but in effect it was we who did them. I wanted Cliff to be president long before he accepted the job."

At this point, Mishler took over, re-emphasizing the importance of the decision to diversify. In the late sixties, Krause Publica-

tions started a feature in Coin Prices highlighting one country every month, with history and values of coins shown. It was not long before they recognized a need for a fundamental change of approach.

"Around Christmas of 1970, Chet set down with a paste-pot and scissors, to extract the information on prices," Mishler said. 1972 saw the first edition of the Standard Catalog of World Coins. The second edition appeared one and a half years later. "Once we got World Coins together, we realized that it was just a little more massive than the Red Book". Mischler commented wryly. To allow yearly publication, they brought in an outside programmer to write the software needed to drive the typesetting equipment.

By 1977, Krause Publications' 25th anniversary, diversification into several hobbies allowed them easily to weather the slump in numismatics. 1979 saw the speculation driven boom-and-bust in gold and

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silver. When the dust settled, Krause Publications had grown from sixty to one hundred employees. They now had a unique 54990 zip code.

As Mischler described the 1982 US Mint Commemorative coin issues, "The pace at first was slow, but the mint eventually became a little bit too ambitious". That year also saw the disbursal of the Carson City hoard by the Treasury Department. Originally the Treasury wanted to disburse the collection as uncirculated, despite the actual condition of the coins. Krause Publications were serious in their objections, with the result that the coins were issued slabbed and graded. This event saw the beginning of the G. S. A.

In 1984 Krause Publications introduced the Coin of the Year Award. In 1986, Krause retired. Appropriately enough, this was the quietest year in the history of the firm. The most important issue was the choosing of the next president.

"I'm kind of a hands on person." Mischler says of himself, telling of his own reluctance to occupy the front office. The result was an outside president, who held the

post for the next three and a half years. The next round of interviews made it crystal clear that no candidate was more qualified than Mischler to hold the post. Faced with such compelling evidence, he agreed to a transitional presidency for the next nine years, styling himself a "1/1/2000 man".

In 1988 an employee stock-option plan was established, and 10 years later the company became fully employee owned. Technical advances included the formation of the company web-site: collect.net. The year 2000 was marked by the sixth major addition to the company's office space. Krause Publications needed it! It was now a company of over 500 employees with 94 million subscribers to periodicals covering a number of hobbies. Since then they have grown to serve 800,000 subscribers, spending \$10 million in postage alone.

In closing, the pair remarked on their bright expectations for the future, citing the access to information brought by the Internet. They went on to emphasize the need for each of us to do our part in bringing more people into the hobby,

citing young collectors as crucial. They cited presentations to libraries, schools and youth groups as being particularly promising.

They also described the progressively intense focus of collectors over the years, from the mid 19th century, when collecting was done by date, to mint marks of the mid 20th century and today's refinements of series and varieties. By the

mid 20th century collecting will be even more highly focused.

The raffle tickets we had been holding now came into play as the pair called out winning numbers. Many of the audience came away with copies of Pioneer Publisher. Many of us left with a prize, but all of us will treasure our memory of a warm and lively presentation. *Z*

Minutes of NENA's 58th Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Bob Hewey, President at 4:20 p.m. on Saturday, March 16, 2002 in Ballroom #3 at the Radisson Hotel in Boston, MA. Minutes of the previous annual meeting were approved. Treasurer's report was accepted.

A few of the significant Member Survey results were highlighted: - About 10% of the membership responded (35 people) - More than half those responding want to see the convention moved from city to city - Strong evidence that people do not want to be paid

for articles in NENA News (Editor's note: Full results are in this issue of NENA News)

The new NENA Web Site was announced by Ernie Botte, Webmaster. It can be found at www.nenacoin.org.

The plaque given in honor of NENA's 50 Year Membership in the ANA was displayed. Silver Medals honoring those serving actively as directors or officers for at least two years were presented, including Bob Anderson, George Bilodeau, Bob Fritsch, Larry Gentile, Jack Haroian, Bob Hewey, Frank Hoerzer,

Jack Kiley, Rich Lavimodiere, and Bill Stone. Special Service awards were also to be given to Bill Jones (past NENA News Editor), Ed Aleo (Convention Host) and Tom Caldwell of NorthEast Numismatics (prize donor).

Exhibit Winners: 2nd Place (there was no first place winner because no exhibit received enough points in the judging): (tie) Bob Hewey, Larry Gentile and Paul Lajoie. People's Choice Award: Bob Hewey - "The Evolution of the Nickel." Non-competitive Exhibits were presented by Jack Haroian, George Bilodeau and Frank Hoerzer.

Election of Officers: Nominations were President-Mike Moylan, Vice President-Bill Stone, State Directors: MA-Ernie Botte, VT-Russell Easterbrooks, ME-(vacant), Directors: George Bilodeau,

Joe Duval, Jack Haroian, Bob Hewey, Jack Kiley. Motion made and seconded to have the secretary cast one vote for the slate as presented — passed unanimously. President Elect Mike Moylan gave a short biography - he is from Worcester originally and now works in Rhode Island as a Product Engineering Manager. He collects U.S. coins and he is Jack Kiley's nephew.

New Business: None
Membership Drawing (NGC MS62 Liberty Gold \$10 donated by NorthEast Numismatics): Russell B. Newell, Jr.

Several door prizes were awarded. Thanks to Scott Travers for his donation of many books!

Meeting concluded at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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Hard Times Come No More

Book review by Jan M. Dyroff

Russell Rulau. *Standard Catalog of Hard Times Tokens 1832-1844*. Iola: Krause Publications, 2001. \$29.95.

It may be hard to believe, but this is the ninth edition of this most noteworthy book. It addresses a segment of the numismatic history of our nation that often gets lost in the dazzle of MS-65 silver dollars. Namely, that despite the best efforts of the Federal Mint, there was a shortage of small change in the period just before the Civil War.

This shortage opened a niche in the numismatic ecology, into which went cent-sized store cards, which were forms of advertising, as well as what are called Hard Times Tokens (which are pretty much defined by era of issue as well as subject matter.

Perhaps the best-known examples of this series are those items, which are political or satirical in nature. These focus on the activities of Andrew Jackson, and his followers and detractors. They touch on the issues of a central bank for the nation, which generated a series

of paper hard times tokens.

The Introduction to the volume tells, I believe, all that might wish to be known about this series. The information is presented in a clear and cogent matter, which is impressive for an essay dealing with a subject as convoluted as the whys and wherefores of these pieces.

Of particular interest are some of the accompanying table of data — a good and practical rarity scale, a list of diesinkers and token manufacturers active in the period, and, where relevant, the last sale and selling price of the token.

While some of the illustrations are a bit muddy (and it would be easy to admit the difficulty of getting *good* depictions of some of the tokens), overall the graphic quality of the book is praiseworthy. This is particularly true in Appendix III, which deals with the methodology of William S. Cox, Sr., to determine

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2001 NENA Member Survey Results

by Bob Hewey

Here are the results of the member survey taken in the second half of last year. Thanks go out to the 35 respondents for their time and thoughtful comments. Your Board will take these results into consideration as we plan for the future.

The following services were rated in importance on a scale of 1-5 where 1 = Very Important and 5 = Not Important. The number represents the average rating received from all those answering.

1. NENA News Newsletter	- Overall	1.87
a. Articles		1.76
b. Classified Ads		2.84
c. Local Club Information (meeting times/locations/contacts)		2.39
d. NENA Board Meeting Minutes		2.36
e. Coin Dealer Ads (one said that they help defray NENA costs)		2.97
f. Other: List of Directors and Officers, NENA Medals Cat. & Guide		
2. Annual Meeting and Convention - Overall		1.60
a. Bourse		1.20
b. Exhibits		2.07
c. Adult Educational Presentations		2.07
d. Young Numismatist Program		2.29
e. Annual NENA Medal Sales		3.06
f. Recognition Awards (e.g. Jack and Mary Mullen Award)		2.43
g. Election of Officers		2.33
h. "What's It?" coin identification/grading opinion table		1.97
i. Raffle		2.40
j. Other: Don't have another meeting without bourse! Guest Speakers, Banquet with attendance prize		
3. Scholarships to the ANA Educational Seminars		2.24
4. Other: Annual Medals important. Just have the bourse.		

Importance to you of additional services NENA might provide:

1. NENA Web Site	2.61
2. Access to Numismatic Collection Insurance Coverage	3.06
3. Members' Bid Board at Annual Meeting and Convention	2.75
4. Speakers' Bureau for local clubs	2.41
5. Reference Library accessible by members	2.53
6. Bulk purchasing service for books and supplies	2.73
7. Payment for articles published in NENA News	3.48
8. Other: Push for reinstatement of Assay Commission Make NENA Medals Catalog updates available via mail	

The number in parenthesis in front of the following items shows how many votes each received.

Which statement(s) best describe your feelings about NENA as an organization?

(13) NENA is a vital numismatic organization in the New England states

(14) NENA is unclear as to its purpose and needs stronger direction

(2) The time for general numismatic clubs like NENA is past

(0) I am indifferent about NENA as an organization

Other: (2) Loss of relationship with Tom Lacey bad mistake

Need big infusion of youth interest and community outreach to expand collector base

NENA needed due to demise of many local clubs

Which statement(s) best describe your feelings about the NENA leadership?

(30) NENA has a small core of dedicated workers who are doing their best

(5) We need new leaders in NENA to revitalize the organization

(9) We need more dealer involvement in the leadership of NENA

(7) I don't know any of the leaders at NENA

(0) I don't care about the leadership at NENA

Other: Current leaders seem to feel "smaller is better" – It isn't!

Need more collector involvement, need a strong bourse at convention.

Which statement(s) best describe your feelings about the relationship of Dealers & NENA?

(7) NENA has a healthy relationship with the numismatic dealer community

(3) NENA seems to regard dealers as a "necessary evil"

(6) NENA seems ambivalent about its relationship with the numismatic dealer community

(13) NENA needs to seek better relations with the numismatic dealer community

(2) The balance between collectors and dealers at NENA should stay just like it is

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(8) Don't know about relationship between NENA and dealers

Other: Had a good relationship up to mid-'90s and then lost it. Need to get Tom Lacey involved again. Some dealers are unhappy with Boston. Need greater dealer participation in NENA

Which statement(s) best describe your feelings about the NENA News Newsletter?

(18) NENA News is one of the best parts of being a NENA member

(13) The quality of the articles in the NENA News varies greatly

(20) The articles in NENA News are generally very interesting

(0) I rarely read the NENA News

(7) I would like to write an article for the NENA News but

(7) a. don't have the time right now

(3) b. I don't feel that I'm a good enough writer

(0) c. I feel that I should get paid for my efforts

(0) d. don't know how to get started

(3) e. can't think of an interesting topic (See list below if this was your answer!)

(16) NENA News needs a "letters to the editor" section (We have one. Please write!)

I would like to see more articles on the topic: (4) World/Ancient coins, (2) NE tokens and medals, currency, golf related exonomia, Civil War Tokens, member biographies, U.S. coins (1/2 cents, large cents), Coin Care and Storage, East Coast Store Cards, Hard Times Tokens.

Which statement(s) best describe your feelings about the NENA Convention?

(10) I like having the Convention in a fixed place at a regular time each year

(11) I like having the Convention in Boston along with the Bay State Show in March

(18) I prefer having the convention move each year to a different location in New England

(7) I would like to see greater emphasis on adult education presentations

(8) I would like to see greater emphasis on Young Numismatist Programs

I would prefer it if the annual meeting, awards and elections were held on Saturday at

(3) 10:00 a.m., (4) noon, (5) 4:00 p.m., (5) 7:00 p.m.

(0) I am not interested in either the Convention or Annual meeting

Other: Avoid conflicts with other shows, return to August timeframe, do not hold in Boston or Connecticut

Please tell us about yourself:

1. I have been a NENA member for (1) ≥ 1 year (8) 2-4 years (8) 5-9 years (16) 10+ years

2. Of the last 10 NENA annual meetings, I have attended (8) 5+ (14) 3-4

- (6) 1-2 (5) none
3. I have served on the NENA Board or a committee in the last 10 years (7) Yes (24) No
 4. I have written an article for the NENA News in the last 10 years (7) Yes (24) No
 5. I have entered an exhibit at a NENA Convention/annual meeting (7) Yes (25) No
 6. I collect NENA Memorabilia (e.g. Medals) (11) Yes (21) No
 7. I might be interested in serving on the NENA Board or a committee (4) Yes (18) No

Describe any additional changes would you like to see NENA make in the next year or two:

Greater efforts to increase youth/new blood to hobby, Return convention to fall timeframe, Have convention in Worcester area – it's central to NE and less costly than Boston. Hire a professional show organizer, schedule the show to be attractive and find a way to bring in 150-200 dealers to make it a significant event, Move to different states and cater to small, local area collectors and involve all of New England, Make it an all-day event with speakers, tours history, related events, etc.

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Mexican Revolutionary Coinage: A Mint Report for Oaxaca, April 1915

By F. A. Liberatore

Mexico experienced a prolonged, bloody revolution from 1910-1917. One of the legacies of the revolution was a series of coins issued from 1913-1917 under difficult condition in haste, improvising to create the dies, machinery and scrounge up the metal. These coins were issued by generals for their armies, by cities to supply small change and by one secessionist state, Oaxaca during 1915-1916 (All Oaxaca coins are dated 1915). Much of the information about these coins, their manufacture and especially mintage statistics remains unknown. The following article sheds a little light on coinage from the mint at Oaxaca.

Apparently when Federal forces recaptured Oaxaca City in early March 1916, the mint records and coin dies were destroyed with the exception of the 60 peso dies and a Juarez punch now at the ANS in the city of New York (Hughes, March, 1998, World Coin News). Somehow one mint record survived. Clyde Hubbard mentioned that he had a copy of an Oaxaca mint report (given to him by Dr. Pradeau) while helping to teach a course on Mexican Revolutionary Coinage at the ANA Summer Sessions last year with Joe Flores. (Clyde is the

dean of Mexican numismatists and a generous, grand young man in the finest sense of the words. Joe co-authored *The Widow*, a superbly detailed book on Oaxaca Revolutionary Coinage and is a world expert in this numismatic area.) Clyde kindly sent me a photocopy of this mint report.

The mint report is for the month of April, 1915, probably not the first full month of the mint's operation. Oaxaca did not proclaim independence from the United States of Mexico until June 3, 1915 (Hughes, February, 1998, World coin News). Therefore Oaxaca was acting as an independent state long before the declaration of independence

The report is hand written in a neat script. Some of it is easily read even by someone who knows little of written Spanish. The report is signed by what I presume to be the secretary who wrote the report and El Director of the Oaxaca Mint: Teofilio Munroy whose initials, T.M. appear on many of the reverse coin dies. Listed by headings are the types of coins struck, weight and type of metal used, number of coins struck, their average weight per piece, as well as the costs of labor, metal and other minting costs that I have yet to decipher.

Oaxaca Mint Coinage Report for April, 1915

Type of Coin	Weight of Metal Used	Number of Coins	Avg. Coin Weight
silver 20 C	1.889 kilograms	450	4.197 grams
silver 50 C	3.289 kilograms	320	10.278 grams
copper 10 C	332.858 kilograms	33,560	9.918 grams
copper 5 C	89.827 kilograms	14,150	6.348 grams
copper 1 C	8.732 kilograms	2,600	3.358 grams

Clearly, a mint producing over 50,000 coins in a month is a fully operational mint. Therefore, I believe that this is probably not the first full monthly mint report based on the lack of information concerning the square 1 centavo and 3 centavo pieces as well as the 3 centavo round coins which were among the first denominations struck.

Since the silver 20 centavo is extremely rare today, I suspect the figures cited in this monthly mint report may well be all that were ever struck in silver of this denomination. Also, it seems obvious to me that the silver 20 centavo was not a pattern as suggested by Woodward and Flores in *The Window*, but rather was superseded by the copper 20 centavo first in the larger size and then the smaller size. In each case the cost of the metal became lower. The common copper 20 centavo pieces are not mentioned in the report. Neither are the 2 pesos coins which were believed to be John De Coe's first engraving task according to Woodward and Flores. Obviously, he had made quite a few hubs for dies before these were finished. Finally, if as suggested in *The Window*, the silver 20 centavo was struck before the 1 centavo, it all apparently happened in April, 1915, one after the other.

Since Woodward and Flores

list quite a number of 50 centavo types using a number of different dies, it is likely that more than just the 350 cited for April were struck in succeeding months of mint operations.

Any business enterprise that has no margin has no mission. According to the April, 1915 report, the Oaxaca Mint earned a profit of 1,689.97 pesos from a face value of 4,339.50 pesos struck. Metal costs were 1,124.19 pesos with the balance of the costs being labor and miscellaneous costs.

Finally, how was the Oaxaca Mint doing in terms of supplying the local population with small change? According to published population figures, the city of Oaxaca had 38,011 people in 1910 and 27,792 in 1921 after the Revolution had ended. (Again, this data was supplied by Clyde Hubbard.) So, estimating the 1915 population of just the city of Oaxaca at about 30,000 or so, the mint supplied just 1.6 coins per person in April of 1915. Since the mint was closed by a federal invasion on 3 March 1916, the mint was hardly open more than a year. Even if production was increased to triple the April level, less than 2 million coins would have been produced. With 132 described types in *The Window*, the "average" coin would have had a mintage of

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about 15,000 pieces. I agree with the comment by Woodward and Flores in The Window that all Oaxaca coinage is scarce. However, the 5, 10 and 20 centavo pieces are still available as the collector demand is low. I wish everyone Happy collecting but NOT of Oaxaca Revolutionary Coinage. *References: La Ventana. The Window To The Revolutionary Coinage of Oaxaca, 1915. C. "Woody" Woodward and Joe Flores. Privately printed.*

Contact, Joe Flores, P. O. Box 4484, Stockton, CA 95204 (provide a stamped, self addressed envelope for a reply).

Mexican Revolutionists and Their Coins, David Hughes., A 22 part series published in World Coin News, Dec 1996- May 2000. For a reprint contact: David Hughes, P. O. Box 21 Columbia, CA 95310 (provide a stamped, self addressed envelope for a reply). ☺

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the identity of die makers. This theory rests on the notion that a sinker had limited repertoires of letter punches, which he used for a variety of products.

A number a pages of photographs are devoted to pictures of tokens or of their aspects (legends, Details of eagles, variations in design) are enough to bring out the forensic detective in the numismatist.

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by Mike Moylan

Planning for the 2003 Convention Underway!!

The 59th Annual New England Numismatic Association Convention and Meeting planning is currently underway. The NENA Board has been reviewing several New England locations over the past few months.

It is most likely that Boston will not be selected for the 2003 event.

Due to the high cost of producing Medals, the Board has been exploring other options to commemorate the 59th Conference. Wooden Nickels and Tokens are just a couple of suggestions that are being researched for cost and availability. Like the Medal, we are trying to include a unique obverse design that is histori-

cally or geographically related to the location of the convention. The reverse will display the NENA seal. The board is open for ideas and we would like some feedback from our members. If you have any ideas or comments, please send me an email.

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Over the past three months our organization has grown larger and stronger. The NENA family now has six new members and one new life time member.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I have been called a lot of things, but this is the first time I have been called "J. R. Raymond."

Sherry Briggs' article on Krause Publications contained this error in the recent issue of NENA News. She got this fact wrong.

I started Coin World for Amos Press in 1960. As founding editor I started the first weekly coin newspaper when Numismatic News was still a monthly.

Incidentally, to generate the vast amount of news required for a weekly we contacted coin clubs asking for their club minutes and reports. We rewrote these as news items. We also asked clubs for their membership lists. When we ran a news item from their area we would mail sample copies to these coin club lists. Circulation grew rapidly. The rest is history.

I have been a life member of NENA since 1972 when I moved to Connecticut. In addition to being the first editor of Coin World I was director of research for Medallion Art Company, of New York City and Danbury. I fondly remember creating the yearly convention medal for NENA in 1975. Two years earlier, in 1973, we had made the Boston ANA convention medal.

After Medallion Art I became a medal dealer and conducted 35 auctions in the field. At the 1989 NENA Convention we held the auction in Danbury for your 45th convention.

Since retiring I have been active writing. My script on Laura Gardin Fraser was made into a video narrated by Elizabeth Jones, the former Chief Engraver at the U. S. Mint. One of my two books in the numismatic field will be published this year:

American Artists, Diesinkers, Engravers, Medalists and Sculptors of American Coins and Medals, 1652 to Date.

Most Respectfully,

Dick Johnson
Litchfield, CT

Dear Editor,

Errata: An apology from a slow writer chasing after a generosity of information.

In "50 Years of Challenges and Triumphs at Krause Publications" I came out with the information that a certain "J. R. Raymond" founded Coin World. Unfortunately, there is no such person. With the generous cooperation of Chet Krause, I am glad to be able to offer the following correction:

It was J. Oliver Amos who founded Coin World. My slow efforts during the address resulted in the confabulation of that name into "J. R. Reynolds". There is, indeed, no such person.

A further note: Dick Johnson was the first Editor. I hope that this clears up any mysteries resulting from my slow hand and mind in the face of the generous outpouring of information offered during the Keynote Speech!

All my best,

Sherry Briggs

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Estate of Coins and Stamps

By Russell Easterbrooks

On Thursday, September 19th Thomas Hirchak Auction Company sold an interesting lot of coins. There were 34 bidders present anxiously hoping to get some of the 250 plus lots of coins and stamps. About 150 lots contained interesting United States coins, of which I will highlight the coins I examined.

The coin I found most interesting was a 1785 "Vermonts" which I graded a strong VF. This coin had a near perfect planchet with one small defect at 3 o'clock on the obverse. Excellent detail indicated a well struck coin, with a light "brassy" color. The coin sold for \$550, including the 10% buyer's fee, which was a great value for a coin this nice.

The next coin I examined was a 1799 dollar which carried a grade of F-12 and was somewhat better, maybe VF. This coin had no

problems except a dark toning stripe behind Miss Liberty's head, probably caused by a rubber band. The price was also a good value at \$418 including the buyer's fee.

There was also an 1872 dollar which carried the grade of VF. This coin was clearly a strong EF with no problems, and showed a very strong strike. The selling price, \$282 with the buyer's fee.

Other interesting coins were as follows. All prices do not include the 10% buyer's fee, and carried the following grades. 1867 nickel w/rays, EF, \$25; 1885 nickel, VG, \$100; 1912 S nickel, strong VG, \$45; 1883 three-cent, EF, \$360; 1867 two-cent, EF, \$60; 1794 cent, strong F, \$105; 1814 cent, strong VG, \$35; 1851 cent, MS-60, \$210; 1804 half cent, EF, \$27.50; 1806 half cent, F, \$22.50; 1890 dime, EF, \$22.50; 1828 half dollar, nice EF, \$35; 1838 half dollar, EF, \$85.

There was also #9 gold

coins, which were not graded. The most interesting was an 1878 Three dollar gold coin which must have been AU/MS-60 which sold for \$1,150, before the buyers fee.

There was also a number of Morgan dollars all ungraded. An 1883 CC, 1890-CC, and 1891 CC all appeared to be uncirculated with each going for \$50 each. Many lower grade dollars were sold in lots, making it difficult to determine the quality and value without viewing each lot.

After failing to win any lots I left before a large number of commemorative coins and

stamps were auctioned. Somewhat disappointed by the lack of funds I had bought and the nicer quality of the coins I was hoping to bid on, I went on my way. A few miles from the auction house I came upon an antique shop and decided to have a look. As I looked through the many cases, I saw a few coins. I asked the clerk to let me examine the coins and ended up buying a gem MS-60/63 1909-D Barber dime for the great price of \$155. My day off was suddenly a great success, and my love for Barber coins made this find even more special. ☺

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Ibero-American Coinage

Book review by Jan M. Dyroff

Chester L. Krause, Clifford Mishler and Colin R. Bruce. *Standard Catalog of World Coins—Spain, Portugal and the New World.* Iola: Krause Publications, 2002. \$49.95.

This latest addition to the stable of Standard Catalog books is most laudable, incredibly well thought-out, and clearly presented and illustrated. The basic premise begins with the happenstance that the two nations sharing the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) generated the exploration and population of nearly all of the lands in South and Central America and in the north into Mexico and California.

The scope of this book is impressive. In terms of time covered, entries for Spain begin with those of Phillip III in 1598 and for Portugal with Johannes III with the coinage of 1670. In addition to the homelands, the volume covers, from as early a date as possible, the coinages of Argentina, the Azores, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo, the Central American Republic,

Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, the Madeira Islands, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela. This covers a lot of territory.

Not only are the official issues cataloged, but considered as well are provisional and revolutionary coins and countermarks, as are some specialty government tokens, such as those for use in leprosia. Also provided are clear pictures of the coins, along with notes on composition and, as warranted, historical or other significance.

Included in the book are a number of introductory essays. The first, *The Colonial Coinage of Spanish America*: by Daniel Frank Sedwick, traces in a concise and readable way the development of the coinage from the crude cobs of the sixteenth century to the last milled coins of the early nine-

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teenth century. A Spanish Colonial Mint Production Table accompanies the article.

A second essay is *The Latin American Republics in the Wake of the Wars of Independence*: by David Fiero. The piece is a sweeping, general introduction to the topic, which is a very complex one to handle — there is just so much there. Mr. Fiero does, however, attempt to put these national entities and coinages in a perspective against the activities of the United States, not an easy task.

The third essay is *The Need for Numismatic Research* by Roberto Jovel, Director (El Salvador) of the Central American Numismatic Association. His comment on this book is worth quoting,

This new Ibero-American catalog is one of the best tools to be offered to a numismatic researcher as it provides, in a single volume, basic information on all coins minted for nearly five hundred years in the Iberic Peninsula and its colonies.

One of the benefits of this book is that it goes back to the very beginning of Spanish American coinage, with the coppers of Ferdinand and Isabella from the Santo Domingo mint from the first years of the sixteenth century (and here I have a nit to pick, from personal experience with these coins — the catalog value seems much too high, but then as the sixteenth-century edition of the Standard Catalog has not yet come out there may be more feedback on the way), and perhaps for symmetry or completeness this book should have begun with Spain in the early 1500 s.

To conclude, also from the viewpoint of someone interested in this grand topic, I know that there are a lot of collectors in our region who home in on the coins of Portugal, Spain and many of the countries of the Americas (Cuba is always well sought after, as is Mexico). This book has so much going for it that it is a *must have* for anyone interested in any of these areas. ♣

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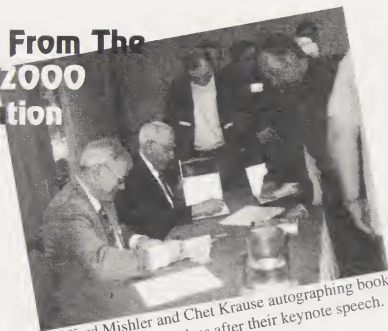
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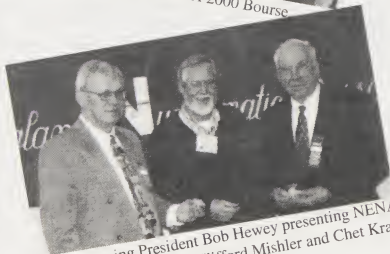
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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

by Mike Moylan

2003 Convention Focus of Board!!

The 59th NENA Conference and Annual Meeting has been the main focus at the monthly Board of Directors Meetings. Many site options have been evaluated for location, value, and convenience for our NENA members. The town of Bedford located in the southeast part of tax-free New Hampshire has been selected. The Wayfarer Inn Convention Center will host the event in mid August 2003. The Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Final dates with day event schedules for guest speakers and YN activities are still being finalized and will be published in NENA News when completed. The Convention Center offers an area large enough to accommodate greater than 100 tables for

dealers and NENA participants. The Wayfarer Inn also offers lodging for those who wish to extend their visit. NENA member rates of \$89 per night make your visit quite affordable.

Conference medals, tokens, and commemorative memorabilia are being looked at very closely. A variety of suggestions are being investigated. This has been a challenge due to the fact that NENA has offered medals to their members for so many years. The cost of medals has been an issue this year due to budget restraints. Of course, cost and quality are the determining factors for choosing the best-fit solution. Several NENA Officers and Board members have been tasked to provide

demonstrative samples and cost effective plans to go along with their suggestions. The final decision will be decided before the next NENA News and will be included in that publication.

The Board has suggested that it would be nice if NENA members could spend some time together to meet each other, swap stories, and just socialize. What would be better than doing this over a relaxing meal??? Members who are thinking of making reservations to spend the night are encouraged to join in and participate. Several restaurants are close to

the Wayfarer Inn and we would like to give this a try. Email me or contact your local Board Member if you are interested.

There is a surplus of NENA silver and bronze medals from the past years. If anyone is interested in purchasing a medal contact me at nenalog@aol.com. I am also interested in knowing how many members would be interested in purchasing the 2003 conference collectable especially if medals are chosen.

Best Regards & Happy
Thanksgiving,

Mike Moylan

New Hampshire Currency Information Wanted

I am doing research on New Hampshire currency from the colonial period through the state banking era (1792-1865), through to the time of National Banks. I am interested in corresponding with anyone who has scarce, interesting or rare notes for study or for sale (I am building a modest reference collection), or who has information and technical data to share. All inquiries will be answered with appreciation.

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Counterfeiting New England Bank Notes

Early Engravers Temptation

By Russell Easterbrooks

The thousands of obsolete New England bank notes issued between 1830 - 60 offer one of the most interesting and unexplored fields for collectors, historians, and students of engraving. The multitude of different illustrations, or vignettes represents some of the finest engraving during this period. Some of these engravers however succumbed to the temptation of applying their skill to the fabrication of forging notes.

One such engraver was Christian Meadows. Known as a fine craftsman who during his life, was considered the most accomplished engraver in New England. Meadows early apprenticeship was as an engraver of bank notes and dies for W. W. Wilson located in Boston. His early life before this employment, around 1846, is unknown, yet his later work included prints, silversmith work, and decorative firearms engraving. Stauffer's standard book of American prints and

their engravers describes Christian Meadows as an engraver of portraits and views in business at Windsor Vermont, between 1850-55.

My first discovery of his work, was a rare print displaying the Dartmouth College Campus signed; "Engd. by C. Meadows". The origin of this print is described by a document in the Dartmouth college library as follows:

"We, the undersigned, members of Dartmouth College, do hereby associate ourselves together in joint copartnership for the purpose of publishing an engraving to be entitled, Dartmouth College to be executed on copper, and we hereby pledge ourselves to defray all expenses that may be incurred in obtaining, and to share all profits that may accrue from the sale of the same, jointly and equally. In witness whereof we have this fourteenth day of June in the year of our lord one thousand



eight hundred and fifty-one, set our hands and seals:"

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Initial inquiries made in Boston by this group revealed that the best known engraver for such a project was in a Windsor Vermont prison because of a small matter of counterfeiting. Vermont prison records indicate Christian Meadows was indeed a prisoner, number 1,348 and was confined from June 22, 1850 until July 4, 1853. His description at that time was: "Thirty-six years old, five feet eleven inches tall, brown hair, light complexion, born in England." Circumstances regarding Meadows imprisonment revealed the theft of, "bank notes and dies from the plant of W.W. Wilson" for whom Mead-

ows was employed. A few months later Meadows was suspected of passing counterfeit "West River Bank" notes by a cashier of a Wells River bank. Meadows was arrested some days later in Groton, Vermont by a Caledonia County Sheriff. Evidence seized at his and near by residence included: two presses, a supply of blank copper plates and three boxes containing one hundred thirty-five dies of bank names and bank note vignettes, many of which had been stolen from the Wilson plant in Boston. While serving his sentence the "accommodating" superintendent at the Windsor prison, Henry Harlow, allowed Meadows, in the charge of a guard, to travel to the Dartmouth College campus to make drawings, and upon returning to the prison was allowed to engrave the plate for the print. It seems

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Counterfeiting Continued

Meadows finished print was viewed by a number of people including Dr. John Walker of the New Hampshire Agricultural Society, who it so happens was engaged in finding an engraver to do the work for the societies diploma. Upon talking with Meadows, he agreed to perform the work. So a drawing was supplied by D.G. Lamont, an artist who resided near the birthplace of Daniel Webster. Lamont's drawing included the elm tree on the Webster birthplace, with the lettering "Webster Elm" on the trunk. Once the diploma's were printed, one was sent to Daniel Webster then Secretary of the State under President Fillmore.

Webster was impressed with the work of the engraving and wrote to the society: "This is a true resemblance of the tree at my birthplace. Who is the engraver that has done this? Where does he dwell? I have been searching for such a man. We want him at the State Department to engrave Maps". Webster received Meadows entire story, promoting him to write Vermont Governor Williams, asking him to pardon Meadows and stated "Why do you bury your best talents in your state prisons? Governor Williams replied that "he did

not feel justified in granting the requested pardon." The next year new Vermont Governor Erastus Fairbanks reviewed Webster's letter and reopened the matter. After an investigation Governor Fairbanks set the date of July 4 on which to pardon Meadows.

Now a free man Christian Meadows settled down in Windsor and resumed his work as an engraver. Unfortunately Daniel Webster had died spoiling Meadows chance to work for the United States State Department. To date no list of Meadows engraving work has been undertaken. In addition to the Dartmouth College print, Meadows work includes prints of the Appleton Academy, the Female Seminary of Granville New York, the Thetford Vermont Academy, and the Barre Vermont Academy. He is also known to have done portraits of Jeremy Belknap a prominent Massachusetts clergyman and Reverend David Merrill of Peacham, Vermont. Meadows also worked in silver at the shop of Roswell Bailey where he engraved coffin plates and other silver items. He also worked in the adjoining town of Woodstock, at the Firearms Company of N. Woodbury.

After 1859 all trace of

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- 1) How many dies does it take to make a coin?
- 2) "M" is located in four places on a Morgan Dollar, name the four locations.
- 3) Can you give the whereabouts of an owl on a dollar bill?
- 4) What three coins do not have a president pictured?
- 5) What is written in Morse Code on a 1943-1944 Canadian nickel?
- 6) What state is depicted on the first state quarter?
- 7) Did they make a 1923-D dime?
- 8) What is a "whizzed" coin?
- 9) What do the initials V.D.B. stand for?
- 10) Which way does Lincoln face on a cent?
- 11) What are mintmarks?

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- 12) What do the following initials stand for? D, S, P, W, CC, and O.
- 13) What is the proper way to hold a coin?
- 14) What are some of the safety features on the new paper money?
- 15) What business is advertised on a U.S. coin?
- 16) What is the first coin for certification depicting a woman?
- 17) Where did the word "Dollar" come from?
- 18) Which half- dollar has more silver in it? 1968 or 1963?
- 19) What building is depicted on a 1976 half-dollar?
- 20) What building is depicted on a Jefferson nickel?
- 21) Where is the mintmark on a Barber half?
- 22) What was the first year that the Jefferson nickel was minted?
- 23) What was the last year that the Buffalo nickel was minted?
- 24) What is a Proof set?
- 25) What are error coins?
- 26) How many grooves are on the edge of a U.S. quarter?
- 27) What is a "Opium Dollar"?
- 28) Why do they call a male deer a "buck"?
- 29) In what year was the first year that the Lincoln cent minted?
- 30) What is the value of a 1921 cent in V.G.?
- 31) Which weighs more; a 1943 steel cent or a 1958 copper cent?
- 32) How many images of Lincoln are there on a Lincoln cent?
- 33) Did the U.S. Mint ever mint pennies?

Around the World on Paper

Book Review by Jan M. Dyroff

Neil Shafer and George S. Cuhaj, eds. *Standard Catalog of World Paper Money, Modern Issues 1961-Date. Volume 3*. Iola: Krause Publications, 2002, Price \$42.95.

If you haven't looked at this particular reference book in a while then you're in for a big treat. This one is another "phone book" sized production. It's quite hefty but well worth every ounce of its weight. The simple fact that this is the third volume on the subject merely hints at the scope available to the collecting of modern paper money.

The introduction to the book is excellent, beginning with directions on use of the catalog, with an explanation of the identifying codes, some very pointed tips on grading paper money, and a brief essay on security devices and identifying notes by country.

There is a recognition that collecting modern world paper money does not need to involve spending great amounts of money. Many dealers across the country specialize in this field, and some of them come to the

shows (like the Bay State) with their wares. You can get some marvelously attractive notes from common to exotic places at relatively inexpensive prices.

The editors recognize this fact, observing that the albums available to store and display the notes may cost more than the contents. But, they allow, that's okay – because this area of collecting is a fun place to be. They also warn about the care of banknote, rightly pointing out that cleaning, washing and pressing currency items is a definitely less than good idea. Damaged currency, if the item is of sufficient virtue, can be restored – but the sense seems to be that most of the items in this book do not fall into that category.

Another area of concern addressed by the editors has to do with what, I am sure, is the commonest response to a torn banknote – that is, fix it with a strip of cellophane tape. This is

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Club Meeting Times and Locations

Blackstone Valley Coin Club, Blackstone Municipal Center Fire Department Meeting Room, Blackstone, MA. Meetings third Tuesday, 7 P.M.

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Central Connecticut Coin Club, East Hartford Public Library, 840 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108. Meetings first Tuesday Sept. - June, 7 P.M. For information: (860) 568-6601

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Gorham Coin Club, Meets at the Maine Veterans Home, 290 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME, on the 1st and 3rd Sunday, September to June at 7 P.M. For information: Stephen A. Crain, 89 Varney Mill Rd., Windham, ME 04062 (207) 892-7113.

Greater New Bedford Coin Club, Andrew Dahill V.F.W., Park Street, New Bedford, MA. Meetings second and fourth Sundays, 7 P.M. For information: John Izidoro, P. O. Box 2991, New Bedford, MA 02741

Mansfield Numismatic Society, Mansfield Center Library, Route 89, Warrentville Road, Mansfield Center, CT. Meeting fourth Monday Sept. through April (except December) 7:30 P.M.

Annual coin Show in March, Dinner/Donation Auction in December. For information call (860) 429-6970 (6 - 9 P.M.).

Nashua Coin Club, Chandler Memorial Library, 257 Main Street, Nashua, NH. Meetings second Monday 7 P.M., except June and October.

Newport Country Coin Club, Meeting room at REAR, 333 Valley Road, Middletown, RI. Meetings the second Tuesday of the month, 8 P.M. For information contact Carlton Johnson, P. O. Box 3, Newport, RI 02840

Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club, Neighborhood Center, intersection of Routes 1 and 2, Pawcatuck, CT. Meetings third Wednesday year round, 7:30 P.M. For information contact David Barbone at (860) 599-1571.

Southbridge Coin Club, Knights of Columbus Hall, 169 Worcester Street, Southbridge, MA. Meetings first Friday, September - June, 7:30 P.M. (Doors open at 6:30 P.M.)

West Springfield Coin Club, Church of the Good Sheperd, Elm Street, West Springfield, MA. Meetings second Sunday, September - June, 7 P.M.

Worcester County Numismatic Society, Greendale People's Church Hall, 25 Francis Street, Worcester, MA. Meetings second Friday, September - June, 7 P.M. For information: (508) 853-9258 (mornings only)

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WANTED: Statue of Liberty Exonumia collector wants to buy New York City "Safe and Sane" or public school athletic league medals. Premium paid for 1930 PSAL medal. **Paul Lajoie**, P. O. Box 61251, Longmeadow, MA 01116-1251 (1)

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POPOUTS/REPOUSSE: Information wanted on origin and history of popouts and the process. Also will purchase. **Jack Haroian**, 6 Eddy St.,

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Counterfeit, Continued

Meadows is lost. An article in the Granite Monthly of 1880 by Dr. Nesmith states that "I have seen about Windsor and Hanover many trophies of the genius of Christian Meadows. He died some years ago."

Other than the West River Bank notes cited in the court records, it is doubtful other notes counterfeited by

Meadows will ever be discovered. Many counterfeit notes were counterstamped COUNTERFEIT by banks who discovered them. Collectors today avidly collect counterfeit notes, which often sell for more than originals! Christian Meadows life is an obscure bit of history that can only add to the romance of collecting New England bank notes. *✍*

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Around the World On Paper Continued

absolutely the wrong thing to do, as it ruins the item. The glue from the tape wrecks the note. Also in this vein is a warning against certain, older plastic containers – the chemicals in their composition may break down and adversely affect the contents.

One of the aspects of the catalog that I find particularly appealing concerns the quality and quantity of illustrations of the notes. And even better, for those issues which cover a long period of time but lack series distinctions and rely only on signature varieties, this book reproduces the signatures, names the signers and defines the date range.

So, this book is easy to use – which is an important consideration. It includes tables of place names in various alphabets, lists of assorted denominations, and a chart of the major calendars used throughout the world. All the tools you need for identifying and assessing a piece of modern world currency are right at your fingertips.

Unquestionably one of the “treats” in this book is a large selection of color photo-

graphs of banknotes from around the world (including illustrations of the euro notes). It is eye candy for the collector, and a display so magnificent that you wonder why anyone doesn't get involved with modern world currency, even a little bit.

In summation, you might well say that the scope of this catalog is encyclopedic. It addresses nearly every issue that might concern a collector, be he or she new or veteran. Indeed one of the boons granted to the numismatic community is the circumstance that the numbering system truly “fixes” the identity of an item, thereby lessening the need for localized or specialized catalogs (as a case in point, Venezuela springs to mind as a country that was in the not too distant past only catalogued completely in a book from Venezuela).

A closing thought, I wonder what the title of subsequent editions of this book might be. As of this writing it was just announced that Mexico was issuing its lowest currency denomination (twenty pesos) as a plastic note. Just a thought. Get this book – you won't be sorry! ♪



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